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Dear Sylvia,

I expected to get 11 pages Jim had gotten for me at the Archives and forgotten to bring with him when he was here. They haven't arrived, causing ~~xxx~~ me to think about them a bit. In turn, this made me think of our conversation the other night, where you said your interests were only in what you had already covered in your books.

This is so broad it is almost meaningless to me. I know or recall certain special emphasis, as with Oswald as a driver, State Dept., etc, but for the most part, with your having covered the subject so well, the definition is so broad as to approach meaninglessness to me.

There are certain things I will send you automatically. Jim made a rough inventory of the file of entire CDs declassified. I plan to make detailed notes as I go over all of it, and can provide them. I will be filing in duplicate: a numerical file of everything declassified in the 1970 review, and by subject.

By the way, Tom Kelley tells me he personally declassified everything not yet declassified and of SS origin. What they got from other agencies he felt he could not declassify, that this was the responsibility of the agency of origin. To be certain I did not misinterpret his words, I have asked clarification and have sent him a list to see if it includes every SS number still classified.

Of the material I have gone over, aside from what was already published and the Ferrie and Vallee material of which I told you, the only thing I recall is a report so grossly in error it may have been declassified as a trap and a series of one-sentence pages, origin not indicated, on miscellaneous items, including Jack Ruby. One sentence makes a costly page! I got them through a simple belief in fundamental Archives dishonesty in dealing with me. They had sent what they represented as all the Ferrie material declassified. Because I felt and still feel that, knowing I planned suit, Justice would declassify as much as they felt they dared, I was confident there was more. So, I took Jim to the Archives, phoned the clerk in the search room to say that aside from what he was getting for himself, Jim was going to get certain pages of CD 75 for me (to get around the ground rules of only 10 pp while you wait), and he let Jim stretch it a bit, to include all released CD 75 pages. I had asked Jim to pinpoint those adjacent to what I recognized as Ferrie pages, without consulting the index, and my ~~hunch~~ hunch was correct, they were Ferrie pages. If the Archives sent me half of the declassified Ferrie pages I'll be surprised!

So, what's meaningful things I thus far have you know about.

But when you get a few minutes, I think it would help me when I go over all of this to have a short list of your more immediate interests.

Sincerely,